Carolina Abortion Fund (CAF) was founded by folks who believe that abortion is healthcare, and healthcare should be well-resourced and accessible to all.CAF operates a confidential, toll-free helpline that provides financial, practical, and emotional support to callers in North and South Carolina trying to access abortion care. They serve all callers regardless of gender identity, race, age, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, religion, ability, place of origin, citizenship, and all other physical or social defining factors. Since 2011, CAF has provided funding, transportation support, doula services, and post-abortion support, protecting abortion rights to all who need care. CAF works in partnership with reproductive justice organizations and clinics to support families' access to parenting, abortion, and adoption as valid reproductive options.

On the first day of February 2023, CAF received a record of 108 voicemails from patients looking for support. Barriers such as travel logistics or financial needs of many of these callers created a possibility of wiping out the monthly budget before the month was over. Your donations go directly to callers--no exceptions.

Volunteer opportunities with CAF include staffing the helpline, attending doula training to serve patients as abortion doulas, transportation and childcare support for folks traveling to clinics far outside of their home communities, and helping at various CAF events throughout the year. Serving on the CAF Board of Directors is another way to get involved. Over the last several months, CAF has received a flood of volunteer inquiries. They are so incredibly grateful for the interest in supporting CAF internally, but they are currently at capacity on their waitlist for potential volunteers. If this changes, they will update the site and re-open the waitlist form accordingly. Please consider becoming a monthly sustainer of CAF in lieu of volunteering. Carolina Abortion Fund: www.carolinaabortionfund.org

Donate to Carolina Abortion Fund or text UUAVL to 73256 and select Community Plate or send a check to UU Asheville with CAF on the memo line.

In support of reproductive freedom, UU Asheville will be featuring three different organizations through March, April and May. Each group approaches this issue from a unique angle, but all work toward upholding a woman's right to make her own decisions with regard to her body and her privacy. The organization for April is the Carolina Abortion Fund.